

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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(Dw) to a number average diameter (Dn) of 1.80 to 2.40, and said carbon black has a specific tinting strength (Tint) and a nitrogen absorption specific surface area (N<sub>2</sub>SA) satisfying an inequality:  $Tint \geq 0.100 \times \text{nitrogen absorption specific surface area (N}_2\text{SA)} + 93$ , and

wherein a ratio ( $\Delta D_{50}/D_{st}$ ) of a half-width ( $\Delta D_{50}$ ) to a mode (D<sub>st</sub>) of the aggregate of said carbon black is in a range of 1.05 to 2.50.

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